

**Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island**

**Strategic Development Committee**

**April 15, 2011**

**Present: Betty Pleacher, Carmen Ferguson, Fred Ricci, James White, Paul Harden, Wendy Kagan**

**Absent: Allen Durand, Bob Cooper, Susan O'Donnell**

**Staff: Gail DuPont, Jen Buck, Shirley Winslow, Erin Brouillette**

**Guests: Paul Genovesi, Sarah Griffin, Kristin Lehoullier**

**With a quorum present Chair Paul Harden called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Mr. Harden asked everyone to review the minutes of February 25, 2011.**

**VOTE: Ms. Pleacher made a motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2011. Ms. Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Guests Speakers: Mr. Harden introduced the guest speakers, Sarah Griffin and Kristin Lehoullier from R.I.S.E.S. (Relevant Integrated Skills and Education Strategy).**

**Strategy summary:**

**„« It is important that the State's Career Pathways System is accessible by and able to serve low literacy and low skilled adults.**

**„« The R.I.S.E.S. model is a workforce development and adult education strategy/framework designed to:**

- 1. Align with the Governor's Workforce Board Strategic Plan**
- 2. Help residents, particularly adults with low literacy levels, develop skills in demand by local employers and to get jobs.**
- 3. Connect workforce development, education, economic development, and social service systems in a way that is responsive to prevailing employment trends.**
- 4. Create a pipeline of talent.**

**Executive Director's Report: Ms. Buck explained the One Stop agreement Modification #2 draft.**

**„« MODIFICATION INTENT:**

**This modification is intended to:**

- 1. Increase the WIA Dislocated Worker funding allocation by \$1,100,000 to meet increased customer demand for WIA Dislocated Worker Services in the netWORKri One-Stop Career Centers.**

**Ms. Buck asked for a vote to recommend to the Executive Committee the One Stop Agreement Modification #2 draft.**

**VOTE: Ms. Pleacher made a motion to recommend to the Executive Committee the One Stop Agreement Modification #2 draft. Ms. Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Ms. Buck explained the PY10 WIA Plan Modification #2 draft. This Modification #2 to the One-Year Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Plan for the Workforce Partnership of Greater Rhode Island (WPGRI) has been prepared in accordance with instructions provided by the Rhode Island State Workforce Investment Office (SWIO) in Workforce Invest Notice (WIN) #10-22. The purpose of this Modification is to:**

- 1. Present revisions to Program Year 2010 (PY10: July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011) allocated funding and projected service levels for WIA Dislocated Workers throughout the thirty-seven communities that comprise the Greater Rhode Island Workforce Investment Area; and**
- 2. Present changes to the local Board for PY10**

**Ms. Buck asked for a vote to recommend to the Executive Committee PY10 WIA Plan Modification #2 draft.**

**VOTE: Ms. Kagan made a motion to recommend to the Executive Committee PY10 WIA Plan Modification #2 draft. Ms. Pleacher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Update: Mr. Harden stated he was still looking for someone to volunteer as the Vice Chair of the Strategic Development Committee.**

**New Business: Mr. Harden stated he was working on the Strategic Retreat slated for September 15, 2011, 11:30 AM;V 5:00 PM with a**

**working lunch. Mr. Harden noted he was looking for a facilitator to coordinate the meeting.**

**Old Business: Mr. Harden stated he and Mr. Ouellette were looking at the By Laws and making changes.**

**VOTE: Ms. Pleacher made a motion to adjourn the Strategic Development committee meeting. Mr. White seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM. The next meeting will be Friday, May 20, 2011.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Winslow**